

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for programming an industrial robot (1) to move relative to defined positions on an object (4), wherein the programming is based on a geometric model (34) of the object, ~~characterized in that the method comprises~~ comprising:

registering and storing a plurality of measuring points, each measuring point corresponding to a point on the surface of the real object expressed in any coordinate system (32, 100) associated with the robot,

determining the orientation and position of the geometrical model of the object relative to said coordinate system associated with the robot by adapting the geometrical model of the object and the measuring points to each other,

calculating the deviation (48) between the measuring points (44) and corresponding points (45) on the geometrical model for at least some of the measuring points, and

adjusting said defined positions based on said calculated deviations.

2. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising:

calculating one or a plurality of characteristic parameters for a plurality of different parts of the object based on the geometrical model of the object,

determining to which part (20, 21) of the object a measuring point belongs based on said characteristic parameters, and

said adapting of the geometrical model of the object to the measuring points comprises adapting measuring points belonging to a certain part of the object to the corresponding part of the geometrical model.

3. (currently amended) A The method according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said parts comprise surfaces (20) and edge lines (21) of the object.

4. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-3, characterized in that it further comprises~~ claim 1, further comprising:

providing geometric models for a plurality of different objects,
calculating a plurality of characteristic parameters for each of the objects based on the geometrical model of the object, and
determining to which of the objects the measuring points belong based on the measuring points and said characteristic parameters.

5. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any of the claims 2-4, characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said characteristic parameters comprise the normal direction relative to the surface of the object and the bending (25) of the surface of the object.

6. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the geometrical model of the object and the measuring points are adapted to each other by minimizing the distance between the measuring points and corresponding points on the geometrical model of the object.

7. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method according to ~~any of the previous claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the surfaces of the object are divided into a plurality of
sub-surfaces (42), each comprising at least one measuring point, calculating a correction vector
(46) based on the deviation (48) between the measuring point/measuring points in the sub-
surface and corresponding point/points on the geometrical model of the object, and adjusting said
defined positions based on the correction vectors for sub-surfaces belonging to the positions.

8. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method according to ~~any of the previous claims,~~
~~characterized that~~ claim 1, wherein the edge lines of the object are divided into a plurality of line
segments, each comprising at least one measuring point, calculating a correction vector based on
the deviation between the measuring point/measuring points in the line segment and
corresponding point/points on the geometrical model of the object, and adjusting said defined
positions based on the correction vectors for line segment in the vicinity of the defined positions.

9. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said defined positions are defined relative to the
geometrical model and that the defined positions are transformed to said associated coordinate
system based on the determined orientation and position of the geometrical model relative to the
coordinate system associated with the robot.

10. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said measuring points correspond to the positions of the

robot when a predetermined point on a tool, or a measuring device (14) corresponding to the current tool, is in contact with different points on the surface of the object.

11. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-10,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the method comprises generating a surface-scanning program for automatically controlling the movements of the robot during measuring of said measuring points.

12. (currently amended) A The method according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein a sensor is mounted on a tool or on a measuring device corresponding to the current tool and that the sensor cooperates with the robot during generation of said measuring points.

13. (currently amended) A The method according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the surface scanning program controls the movements of the robot during measuring of the measuring points, wherein said movements comprises moving the robot so that the sensor is in contact with the surface of the object during the measuring and that the robot thereafter is moved to a transfer point positioned at a distance from the surface of the object.

14. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any of the claims 12 and 13,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 12, wherein the orientation of the tool in the defined positions are stored and that the program is generated so that the tool or said measuring device have about the same orientation in a measuring point as the stored orientation.

15. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method according to ~~any of the claims 11-14,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 11, wherein the positions of the measuring points are determined off-
line based on the geometrical model of the object.

16. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ method according to ~~any of the claims 11-14,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 11, wherein the method comprises that a number of positions,
comprising at least one start position and one stop position are measured on the surface of the
real object and that the positions of the measuring points are automatically generated based on
the measured positions.

17. (currently amended) A computer program directly loadable into the internal memory
of a computer and comprising instructions to make a processor perform the steps in the method
according to ~~any of the claims 1-16~~ claim 1.

18. (currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising a computer program,
comprising instructions to make a processor carry out the steps ~~in the method according to the~~
~~claims 1-16~~ of:

registering and storing a plurality of measuring points, each measuring point
corresponding to a point on the surface of the real object expressed in any coordinate system
associated with the robot,

determining the orientation and position of the geometrical model of the object relative to
said coordinate system associated with the robot by adapting the geometrical model of the object
and the measuring points to each other,

calculating the deviation between the measuring points and corresponding points on the geometrical model for at least some of the measuring points, and
adjusting said defined positions based on said calculated deviations.

19. (currently amended) A system for programming an industrial robot (1) to move relative to defined positions on an object (4), wherein the system comprises a geometric model (34) of the object, ~~characterized in that the system further comprises:~~

the real object (4),

an industrial robot (1), wherein the real object and the robot are arranged to that it is possible to, by means of the robot, generate a plurality of measuring points corresponding to different points on the surface of the real object expressed in a coordinate system (32, 100) associated with the robot,

a calibration module (17) arranged to determine orientation and position of the geometrical model of the object relative to said coordinate system associated with the robot by adapting the measuring points to the geometrical model of the object,

a calculating module (18) arranged to calculate the deviation (48) between the measuring points (44) and corresponding points (45) on the geometrical model, and

an adjusting module (19) arranged to adjust said defined positions based on said calculated deviations.

20. (currently amended) A The system according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the system comprises a measuring device (14) adapted for being in contact with the surface of the object during measuring, wherein the measuring device has a center point

corresponding to the tool center point (TCP) of the current tool.

21. (currently amended) A The system according to claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the measuring device (14) is adapted to, at contact with the object, submit a signal, and that the system is adapted to, in reply to said signal, generate at least one measuring point based on the robot position.

22. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-21,~~ characterized in that the system comprises further comprising:

a part classification module (16a) arranged to calculate one or a plurality of characteristic parameters for a plurality of different parts (20, 21) of the object, based on the geometrical model for the object, and to determine to which part of an object a measuring point belongs, based on said characteristic parameters, wherein said calibration module (17) is adapted to execute said adaption of the geometrical model of the object to the measuring points by adapting the measuring points belonging to a certain part of the object to a corresponding part of the geometrical model.

23. (currently amended) A The system according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said parts ~~comprises~~ comprise surfaces (20) and edge lines (21) of the object.

24. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-23,~~ characterized in that the system further comprises claim 19, further comprising:

geometric models for a plurality of different objects and an object classification module

(16b) arranged to calculate a plurality of characteristic parameters for each of the objects based on the geometrical model of the objects and to determine to which of the different objects the measuring point belongs based on the measuring points and the calculated characteristic parameters.

25. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 22-24,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 22, wherein said characteristic parameters comprise the normal direction relative to the surface of the object and the bending (25) of the surface of the object.

26. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-25,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein said calibration module (17) is arranged for adapting the geometrical model of the object and the measuring points to each other by minimizing the distance between the measuring points and corresponding points of the geometrical model of the object.

27. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-26,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein said adjusting module (19) comprises means for dividing the surfaces of the object into a plurality of sub-surfaces (42), each comprising at least one measuring point and the adjusting module is arranged to calculate a correction vector for the sub-surfaces based on the deviation between the measuring point/measuring points of the sub-surface and corresponding point/points on the geometrical model of the object, and to adjust said defined positions based on the correction vectors for the sub-surfaces to which the positions belong.

28. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-27,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein said adjusting module ~~(19)~~ comprises means for dividing
the edge lines of the object into a plurality of line segments, each comprising at least one
measuring point and the adjusting module is arranged to calculate a correction vector for each
line segment based on the deviation between the measuring point/measuring points in the line
segment and corresponding point/points on the geometrical model of the object and to adjust said
defined positions based on the correction vectors for the line segment in the vicinity of the
defined positions.

29. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-28~~ claim 19,
wherein said defined positions are defined relative to the geometrical model, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein said adjusting module comprises means for transforming said defined positions to said
coordinate system associated with the robot, based on the determined orientation and position of
the geometrical model relative to a said coordinate system.

30. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 19-29,~~
~~characterized in that the system comprises~~ claim 19, further comprising:

a program generator, arranged for generating a surface scanning program for
automatically controlling the movement of the robot during measuring of said measuring points.

31. (currently amended) A The system according to claim 30, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein said program generator is arranged for automatically generate said surface scanning
program based on certain input from an operator.

32. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 30 and 31,~~
~~characterized in that the system comprises~~ claim 30, further comprising:

a sensor mounted on a tool, or a measuring device corresponding to the current tool, and
~~that~~ wherein the sensor is arranged to cooperate with the robot for generating said measuring
points.

33. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claim 32, characterized in~~
~~that~~ claim 32, wherein said sensor is a position sensor arranged for measuring the distance
between the surface of the object and any part of the robot.

34. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 32 and 33,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 32, wherein the surface scanning program controls the movement of
the robot during measuring of the measuring points, wherein said movements comprises that the
robot is moved so that the sensor is in contact with the surface of the object during the measuring
and that the robot thereafter is moved to a transfer point being positioned at a distance from the
surface of the object.

35. (currently amended) A The system according to ~~any of the claims 30-34,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 30, wherein the program generator is arranged in an external
computer and ~~that~~ wherein the program generator is arranged to determine the positions of the
measuring points based on the geometrical model of the object.

36. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The system according to ~~any of the claims 30-34,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 30, wherein the program generator is arranged in the control system
of the robot and that the program generator is arranged for generating the positions of the
measuring points based on a plurality of positions measured at the surface of the real object,
which positions comprise at least one start position and one stop position.